

Resource Action (PM&E) Identification Form

It is anticipated that potential Resource Actions may be very preliminary at this stage. Please fill out as many sections as possible but, at a minimum, sections 1, 2, and 3. Resource Actions may be refined, reviewed and screened over time through Work Group, Plenary and Settlement discussions.

1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action:

Local Fish and Wildlife Improvements

(BC PM&E #4a)

2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical:

(1) DWR shall sponsor a series of task force meetings attended by DWR, DFG and local stakeholders concerning providing catch up funding to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for maintenance, operation, and improvements of the Oroville Wildlife Area as a condition of the new (2007) FERC license, and shall provide funding to DFG during the entire term of the new FERC license, in order to mitigate for lost habitat and also to provide adequate funding in order to provide a clean, accessible wildlife viewing and recreating venue in the Oroville Wildlife Area.

(2) Close coordination with the Recreation Work Group concerning an analysis of what is necessary in the way additional funding to enhance the Oroville Wildlife Area so that it provides an exceptional viewing and recreation experience.

- a. Rec. Work Group WA1 -- reestablish boat launch on West side of River

- b. Rec. Work Group WA2 – add camping at Afterbay outlet

- c. Rec. Work Group WA5 – add fishing ponds for kids, designate one or two existing ponds for use by anglers age 15 and under.

- d. Rec. Work Group TF14—Enhance wildlife values at Forebay and protect resource for non-motorized recreation--Enhance opportunity with paddleboat/etc.. rentals (concessionaire space), coordinated with expansion of boat storage facility.

(3) Provide mechanisms to encourage cooperation between DFG, private enterprise, and local government to increase the number of visitors and users to the fish and wildlife areas, e.g., cost sharing, new improvements, and land sharing.

(4) Provide mitigation for the de-watering of Ruddy Creek, which ran from the Campbell Hills through Thermalito and was cut off by the Thermalito Forebay.

b. Any physical or operational changes:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

If Yes, Please explain:

Capital and operational improvements are described in Item 2a above.

c. Proposed start date and duration

Start (month/yr): Immediately Duration (month(s)/yr(s)):

To the end of the license period and any reopenings of the license.

d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)

☐ Inside

☐ Outside

☐ Don't know

Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: To be defined.

e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate:

The Oroville Wildlife Area was mitigation for lost habitat caused by the construction of the Lake Oroville Facilities. There are no alternatives to improving the Oroville Wildlife Area. Mitigation alternatives for the de-watering of Ruddy Creek are possible and should be investigated.

f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s):

One method for evaluating success would be to conduct a baseline survey of the numbers and opinions of visitors to the fish and wildlife areas by season and then to periodically conduct surveys to determine any increase in the number of visitors and if their opinions of the areas have improved over time.

g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action:

The proposed actions are highly feasible.

h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

☒ Land Use and Management

☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics

☒ Cultural Resources

- G Engineering and Operations
- G Environmental

3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:

a. Organization name: County of Butte

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c. Date prepared: April 2, 2004

d. Organization(s) represented by submitter: County of Butte

Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability, understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available.

4. Resource Goals:

a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

Including, but not limited to, the following: All Environmental – Terrestrial resource goals; A02.01, A03.01, A03.03, A03.04, A04.04, LM01.01, LM01.02, LM01.03, LM01.04, LM03.01, LM03.02, LM04.01, LU01.01, LU01.03, R01.07, R01.08, R01.09, R01.13, R01.14, R01.18, R01.25, R02.01, R02.02, R02.04, R02.05, R02.06, R02.08, R02.09.

b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal:

The many applicable resource goals cannot truly be achieved unless the above-described Resource Actions are incorporated into the relicensing solution and implemented by DWR.

5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing

a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):

Applicable Resource Issues: F3, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, LU2, LM1, LM3, R1, R2, R4, R5, R6.

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:

The Oroville Wildlife Area is designated wildlife habitat and was set aside as mitigation for habitat lost because of the construction of the Lake Oroville Facilities. DWR has the responsibility to provide adequate resources and funding to maintain the area for its mandated multiple uses. The Area has not been adequately maintained for many years due to lack of funding, lack of adequate facilities and security for visitors, has an increased potential for fires, and has been a dumping ground for trash. DWR must provide adequate catch up funding to meet its obligations under the original FERC license. DWR must also provide additional funding during the term of the new FERC license to meet its existing obligations and for the actions proposed in Resource Action 4b.

The Oroville Wildlife Area and other project fish and wildlife areas and a restored or mitigated Ruddy Creek are within the greater Oroville area and thereby present special opportunities to partner with local government and private enterprise to promote and develop fish and wildlife activities to attract an increased number of visitors and users.

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:
G Butte County General Plan